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1. Pipera Airfield is 4 km northeast of Bucharest, east of Pipera village, on the Bucharest-Constanța railroad line.
2. It is planned to lengthen the field to the north, which can be done without difficulty as there are only cultivated fields and a few peasant's houses in the way. The eastern border of the field is the second rate road Bucharest-Istefanesti-Pasarea, which will be raised to a first-class highway as far as the field. The west edge of the field is the Bucharest-Tunari road and an arm of the Crivina creek.
3. The field is 2,000 by 100 m. In the direction of Pantelimon village at the south-east corner of the field is an obstacle, consisting of the 60 m high smokestack of the factory there.
4. The ground has no drainage canals, but is very hard and water runs off it easily. It can be used by all types of planes all year round.
5. The buildings are used by both Soviets and Rumanians. Occupied by the Soviets are: a one-story building, 20 by 60 m, quarters for flying personnel; a one-story building, 20 by 65 m, quarters; a one-story building 20 by 45 m, bath; a three-story command building, 40 by 80 m; several bomb-damaged buildings and two concrete hangars, 65 by 100 m. The Rumanians have: a one-story command building, 25 by 30 m; a one-story building, 5 by 20 m, radio weather and directional station; a one-story office building 40 by 100 m; a one-story quarters, 10 by 50 m; a one-story building 40 by 80 m, assembly room and casino; a one-story building, 40 by 60 m, general repair shop for the Rumanian air force in the Bucharest area and

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also for trucks; three concrete hangars, each 120 by 40 m; a concrete hangar, 40 by 180 m; an underground gasoline storage with six tanks. Occupied by the Rumanian National Airplane Repair Shop are: an assembly building; a repair-shop for woodworking, 45 by 70 m; a one-story mechanical repair shop, 70 by 80 m; a one-story materiel depot, 60 by 100 m.

6. There is no indication of a radar station. In the fall of 1953 construction was begun on four new buildings, whose purpose is uncertain.
7. The runway is 2,000 m long, and it runs from south to north. There is no concrete except apron in front of the hangars at the east side of the field, 60 by 500 m. There is no regular night lighting; when a night landing is necessary, reflectors are brought out.
8. There is a railroad spur from the Bucharest-Constanta line, with an unloading ramp.
9. The fuel dump consists of underground tanks, around which half-grown trees were planted, which have now nearly hidden it. It has a capacity of 500 tons. There are no underground pipelines, but they are to be built.
10. At the field there is currently a Soviet fighter squadron with 32-34 YAKs and four LI-2s. There is also a Rumanian flying school of 30 to 32 training planes of various types, four LI-2s and three old German JU-52s.

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